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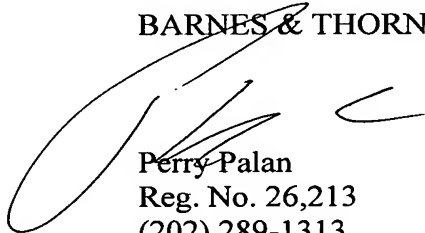
Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement. The references listed on the attached PTO-1449 are submitted herewith to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application.

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